

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-6 (Cancelled)

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim [[7]] 12, additionally comprising reversing a database update in the event of an indication of an error during the process of updating the server.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim [[7]] 12, additionally comprising reversing a database update in the event of an indication of an error during the process of updating the server.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of Claim 7~~ A method of synchronizing configuration parameters on a server with a database of stored configuration parameters comprising automatically updating at least one application program configuration parameter in response to updating at least one corresponding stored application configuration parameter in said database, wherein each application program configuration program parameter defines at least in part a set of resources on the server available to a particular customer of the a web hosting provider.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim [[7]] 12, wherein the set of resources comprises disk space.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim [[7]] 12, wherein the set of resources comprises a network address.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim [[7]] 12, wherein the set of resources comprises memory space.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim [[7]] 12, wherein the set of resources comprises communication bandwidth.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim [[7]] 12, wherein the set of resources comprises processor capacity.

18. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of Claim 10~~ An information processing system comprising:

at least one network server running at least one application program, wherein application program operation is defined at least in part by a set of configuration parameters stored on said at least one network server and associated with said application program operation;

a database separate from said at least one network server and storing a copy of said set of configuration parameters; and

means for automatically maintaining synchronization between said set of configuration parameters stored on said at least one network server and said copy of said set of configuration parameters stored in said database, wherein the server is operated by a web-hosting provider and wherein each application program configuration program parameter defines at least in part a set of resources on the network server available to a particular customer of the web hosting provider.

19. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ system of Claim [[10]] 18, wherein the set of resources comprises disk space.

20. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ system of Claim [[10]] 18, wherein the set of resources comprises a network address.

21. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ system of Claim [[10]] 18, wherein the set of resources comprises memory space.

22. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ system of Claim [[10]] 18, wherein the set of resources comprises communication bandwidth.

23. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ system of Claim [[10]] 18, wherein the set of resources comprises processor capacity.

24. (New) A method of synchronizing configuration parameters on a server with a database of stored configuration parameters comprising automatically updating at least one application program configuration parameter in response to updating at least one corresponding stored application configuration parameter in said database, wherein each application program configuration program parameter defines at least in part a set of resources on the server available to a particular user of the server.

25. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein the server is operated by a web-hosting provider and each application program configuration program parameter defines at least in part a set of resources on the server available to a particular customer of the web hosting provider.

26. (New) An information processing system comprising:

at least one network server running at least one application program, wherein application program operation is defined at least in part by a set of configuration parameters stored on said at least one network server and associated with said application program operation;

a database separate from said at least one network server and storing a copy of said set of configuration parameters; and

means for automatically maintaining synchronization between said set of configuration parameters stored on said at least one network server and said copy of said set of configuration parameters stored in said database, wherein each application program configuration program parameter defines at least in part a set of resources on the network server that are made available to a particular user of the network server.

27. (New) The system of claim 26, wherein the server is operated by a web-hosting provider and each application program configuration program parameter defines at least in part a set of resources on the server that are made available to a particular customer of the web hosting provider.